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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing to show our support of your efforts to settle the litigation against Microsoft. The settlement offers the opportunity to bring an end to the three-year resource drain that this lawsuit has been. That would be of benefit to America.

Instead of facing further litigation that might lead to breaking up AT & T was broken up, Microsoft has agreed to demands made by its competitors for more openness of its internal Windows interfaces and server protocols. In addition, computer makers got what they wanted, flexibility to re-configure Windows to highlight their marketing needs, and release from exclusive marketing agreements, which are commonly used by many companies, such as Chevy preventing its dealers from also selling Fords, and McDonalds agreeing to sell only Coke soft drinks. We think Microsoft has agreed to give up plenty. The American computer industry would be best put back on track, and the American economy best helped by agreeing to the settlement.

The settlement needs to be finalized so that we can get our focus back on business. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,


Anthony Gattuso

